

MINUTES

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES

AUGUST 12, 2005

The State Advisory Council on Libraries convened in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, on Friday, August 12, 2005.

Present were:

Council

Arne Almquist
Linda Begley
Karl Benson
William Hansen
David Holt
Carolyn Ingram
Janet Stith
Dr. Stu Tobin
Janice Wren

KDLA

Charlene Davis
Judith Gibbons
Lori Harlan
Jim Nelson
Kelly Reed
Christie Robinson

KLA Representative
Linda Kompanik

Education Cabinet Representative
Tim Harmon

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Stu Tobin welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Mr. Karl Benson if he would chair today's Council meeting. Karl Benson serving as Acting Chair, called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MAY 20, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

No changes were made to the May 20, 2005 meeting minutes of the State Advisory Council on Libraries; minutes were approved as distributed.

EDUCATION CABINET UPDATE

Mr. Tim Harmon attended the meeting today representing the Cabinet Office. Mr. Harmon said he would be glad to take concerns or questions back to the Cabinet and he will report the events from this meeting back to the Cabinet.

KLA REPORT

Linda Kompanik, President of the Kentucky Library Association, gave a brief report on some of the current activities KLA has been involved with. The annual conference will be held September 14-17, 2005 at the newly renovated Galt House in Louisville. This year's conference will include a talent show, a tour of the Frazier Historic Arms Museum, a "Red Hat" tea party, and the KLA Awards Luncheon. Ms. Christine McIntosh will become the new KLA President for the upcoming year. Ms. McIntosh is a school librarian at Bernheim Middle School in Shepherdsville.

Linda also reported that the new KLA website is complete. You can visit that site at: www.kylibasn.org.

KLA wrote letters in support of the KDLA archival addition and to encourage the Department of Education to restore the school library media consultant position to its former status.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Christie Robinson reported that within the last month we have been able to fill 12 positions (2 Federal and 10 state positions) to help offset our large vacancy rate here at KDLA. The hiring was a corporative effort with the Education Cabinet Office and personnel funding that had been captured in salaries due to vacancies and retirements over the last year. This hiring has helped the agency some, but we still have several key vacant positions including regional librarian positions.

2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Jim Nelson reviewed with the Council KDLA's request for additional budget funding in '06-08 using General Operations funding, Direct Local Aid funding, and Capital Budget request. The General Operations request will include asking for our vacancy funding to remain in our budget due to 18 current vacancies, funding to support the Library Science Scholarship Program (which has never been funded), operating support for DMDS, replacement funding for computer workstations, and a microfilm cold storage vault.

The Direct Local Aid request will include funding for the Public Library Services Improvement/Equalization Fund, bookmobiles, virtual library, local records grants, library construction program, and operating support for the Document Management Digitization System.

The Capital Budget request will support the need for the building addition for Libraries & Archives. Secretary Virginia Fox has met with the Capital Planning Advisory Committee and this request is one of the Cabinet's highest priorities. The Capital Planning Advisory Committee will then make its recommendation to the Governor and the Legislature. Jim advised the Council of how very critical it is that we get the Capital Budget request funding because we are simply out of room in our current facility.

The Council recognizes the crisis situation KDLA is in and offered it full support for the Capital Budget request for the building addition.

Jim also discussed two possible legislative actions that we may be involved with. The first item is related to amending current law to help assure that receipts we take in for our records management services are dedicated for those services, and the another proposed legislation is a cost allocation model for general record fee assessment to all agencies. The Public Records Division will be working on gathering the information together about this upcoming legislation and we will keep the Council updated on their progress.

LSTA ANNUAL REPORT & FIVE YEAR EVALUATION

Christie Robinson advised the Council that our Federal Annual Report is due to Washington by the end of December 2005 and the 5 Year Evaluation Report will need to be submitted to Washington in the Spring of '06. Christie reported that the last time we did the 5 Year Evaluation Report a consultant was hired and that may be what we have to do again to assist with the preparation of that documentation.

Christie stated that there has been an increased interest in the LSTA programs and grants, and we have received 26 applications for grants in the upcoming year. Some of the successful projects that have been completed include the summer reading programs and the Prime Time Family Literacy Project. One of the newer projects will be the Virtual Reference Pilot.

EXTRA LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES SUMMIT

Jim Nelson announced that the Governor's Office is working on developing and planning an ELO (Extra Learning Opportunity) Summit for Kentucky that has been sponsored by the National Governor's Association. Kentucky will be focusing on the learning needs of kids and will also be looking at programs for at risk youth. Jim reported that the Urban League of Cities and KET will also be working as partners of this ELO Summit and hopefully, libraries will play an important role during the Summit as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jim reported that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will be deploying their Public Access Computer Hardware Upgrade Program through the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives in the upcoming months. The Foundation is allocating hardware upgrade funds for the first sixteen states from their initial public access computing initiative and Kentucky was among those states.
- A handout was distributed to Council members regarding "ConnectKentucky," which is a taskforce that Governor Fletcher has charged with addressing broadband technology in Kentucky. The taskforce will address availability, awareness, applications, affordability, and adoption of broadband access. The goal of the taskforce is to have broadband access statewide by 2007.
- The Kentucky Higher Education Computing Conference will be sponsoring their Second Annual Conference entitled, "Breaking Down Barriers: Convergence 2005" on September 29th & 30th at Northern Kentucky University's METS Center in Erlanger, Kentucky. Conference themes include: Information Technology, E-Learning, Library Information Services, and Technology-based Faculty Development. The conference will be targeted to College & University Presidents, Chief Information Officers, Information Technology Staff, Distance Education and E-Learning Staff, Librarians, and Faculty who use technology in their curriculum.
- Karl Benson, Director of the Boyle County Public Library, announced that his library board has established an endowment fund to begin working on raising money for a new library to be built which will join their existing building. The Boyle County Public Library is trying to raise 2 million dollars and have already raised about \$500,000. They will be having a fund raiser on September 28th and John Cole from the National Center for the Book will be their guest speaker.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the State Advisory Council on Libraries will be on Friday, November 4, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. in the KDLA Board Room.